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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

MILTON E. ADAIR	Term Expires 1979
RAY W. PLACY, JR.	Term Expires 1980
FREDERIC A. FOSS, Chm.	Term Expires 1981

Moderator
MARGARET SALLS

Town Clerk
ISABELLE M. PARKHURST

Treasurer
KENNETH A. PARKHURST

Tax Collector
LUCILLE LALANDE

Supervisors

EUGENE JORDAN	Term Expires 1980
LUCILLE LALANDE	Term Expires 1982
MABEL SIMS	Term Expires 1984

Trustee of Trust Funds

HELEN DION	Term Expires 1979

Overseer of Poor
MILTON E. ADAIR

Auditors

PATTY A. HART BARBARA J. LAPERLE

Health Officer
MYRA BROOKS

Fire Warden
FREDERIC A. FOSS

Civil Defense Director
FREDERIC A. FOSS

Planning Board

CLEMENT E. BRAULT, Sec.	Term Expires 1979
EDWARD POULIN	Term Expires 1980
RAY W. PLACY, JR.	Term Expires 1980
EVERETT STANTON	Term Expires 1981
CHARLES WHITE, Chm.	Term Expires 1982

Board of Adjustment

PETER DION	Term Expires 1979
ROLAND HART	Term Expires 1980
WILLIAM ADAIR	Term Expires 1981
FREDERIC A. FOSS, Chm.	Term Expires 1981
CLEMENT E. BRAULT	Term Expires 1982

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To vote to bring in ballots for election of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the Town of Columbia for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Department and the Stratford Fire Department for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town, and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to support the general operations of the Stratford Fire Department.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to support the operation of the Colebrook Communications Center.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise as a contribution for the support and services of the Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health Service, Inc.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to support the operation of the New Ver-Shire Center - UCVMHSI.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Ambulance District A-1 services.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Association to help defray the cost of maintaining standby alert personnel to cover medical emergencies.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operating expenses and matching funds of the Northern Coos Community Health Association.

Article 12. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of appraising all new and remodeled buildings, mobile homes, land transfers, etc. to keep the Town at 100% valuation.

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for the White Mountains Region Association for publicizing and otherwise promoting the natural and commercial factors upon which the economy of the North Country is based.

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1979.

Article 16. Be it resolved by the Town of Columbia that the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the Town of Columbia, in the State of New Hampshire, that said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project for elderly/low income persons under Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended, for the following accommodations: existing standard housing, 5 dwelling units.

Article 17. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

Article 18. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the Old Age, Blind and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for construction of Class V Roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of $590.23 the State to contribute the sum of $3,934.84.

Article 20. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of summer roads and bridges.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to take action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems conducive to the best interest of the Town and appropriate money for the same.

Article 22. To authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend $4,824.54 revenue from the State Highway Department (Duncan Fund) for additional Class V Highway maintenance.

Article 23. To authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend $6,939.98 revenue from the State Highway Department (Highway Subsidy) for additional maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class V highways.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept additional State Highway aid for the construction and reconstruction of Class V Highways and appropriate the sum of $4,499.59 which will be an increase in the normal town appropriation for said purpose and the State to contribute the sum of $4,499.59 as additional highway subsidy.

Article 25. To see what action the Town will take regarding Waste Disposal and appropriate money for same.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to contribute to the Colebrook Library.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $750.00 for the current year final payment on the contract for preparation of Tax Maps.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

Appropriations:	Amounts:
Town Officers Expenses	$ 900.00
Waste Disposal	1,200.00
Fire Protection	1,000.00
Town Poor and Old Age, Blind and Disability Assistance	1,500.00
U.C.V. Hospital Association	400.00
Total	$ 5,000.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant monies and also State Highway Aid for the purpose of restoration of Columbia Bridge with the Town contributing to this project the sum of not more than $5,000.00 raised and appropriated by the March 4, 1975 Town Meeting (Article 22) now on deposit with the State of New Hampshire.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when same is received.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to disasters and incur debts for temporary loans for same should the need arise.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply any surplus remaining in their hands at the end of the fiscal year 1978 to the defraying of Town Charges and Appropriations for the year 1979 in order to effect a proportionate reduction of the amount to be raised by taxes.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of agents, auditors, selectmen, and all other officers and ratify and confirm the same.

Article 35. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of February A.D. 1979.

FREDERIC A. FOSS
MILTON E. ADAIR
RAY W. PLACY, JR.

Selectmen of Columbia

A True Copy - Attest:

FREDERIC A. FOSS
MILTON E. ADAIR
RAY W. PLACY, JR.

Selectmen of Columbia

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, COOS, SS: February 21, 1979

We, Frederic A. Foss, Milton E. Adair, and Ray W. Placy, Jr. Selectmen of the Town of Columbia, hereby certify that we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant, at the place of meeting specified and a like copy at a public place in said Town and delivered to the Town Clerk on the same date the original Warrant.

FREDERIC A. FOSS
MILTON E. ADAIR
RAY W. PLACY, JR.
Selectmen of Columbia

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, COOS, SS: February 21, 1979

Personally appeared Frederic A. Foss, Milton E. Adair, and Ray W. Placy, Jr. and made oath that the above affidavit by them subscribed is true.

Before me,

ISABELLE M. PARKHURST
Notary Public

BUDGET

Item	Estimated # Revenue 1978	Actual Revenue 1978	Estimated Revenue 1979
Interest & Dividends Tax	$ 2,327.00	$ 2,327.40	$ 2,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	2,746.00	2,745.66	2,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,763.00	3,762.76	3,700.00
Class V Road Maintenance (Duncan Fund)		4,814.41	4,824.54
Highway Subsidy	7,043.00	7,043.25	6,939.98
Add'l Highway Subsidy	4,003.00	3,883.24	4,499.59
Dog Licenses	65.00	136.00	120.00
Business Licenses & Filing Fees	5.00	32.00	30.00
Waste Disposal Fees		510.00	
Planning Board Application Fees	40.00	97.10	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	12,500.00	14,350.00	14,000.00
Interest on Savings Account	500.00	1,455.82	1,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		2,188.14	1,500.00
Resident Taxes	3,700.00	3,347.00	3,600.00
Yield Taxes	10,498.00	11,636.95	8,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	1,438.00	1,633.80	
Revenue Sharing Funds	8,000.00	8,651.00	5,513.00
Sale of Town Truck		2,679.00	
	$56,628.00	$71,293.53	$58,327.11

APPROPRIATIONS

	Raised # 1978	Spent 1978	Estimated 1978
*Town Charges	$10,000.00	$11,116.30	$12,700.00
Fire	1,800.00	4,379.41	3,000.00
Stratford Fire Dept.			250.00
Colebrook Communi-cations Center	500.00	500.00	600.00
U.C.V. Mental Health Service Inc.	441.00	441.00	441.00
New Ver-Shire Center - UCVMHSI			200.00
Ambulance District A-1	500.00	500.00	500.00
U.C.V. Hospital Assn.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Northern Coos Com-munity Health Assn.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Cemeteries	550.00	441.53	500.00
Appraisal Upkeep	750.00	700.00	750.00
White Mt. Region Assn.			437.84
North Country Council Inc.	300.00	300.00	370.00
Town Poor	4,000.00	1,972.39	2,700.00
Old Age & Disabled Assistance	1,000.00	657.75	800.00
T.R.A.	519.19	519.19	590.23
Town Summer Roads and Bridges	3,800.00	3,857.18	3,900.00
Town Winter Roads	16,000.00	13,482.30	16,000.00
Class V Road Maintenance		4,814.41	4,824.54
Highway Subsidy		7,043.25	6,939.98
Add'l Highway Subsidy	4,003.06	3,883.24	4,499.59
Waste Disposal	1,984.75	1,984.75	1,984.75
Colebrook Library	25.00	25.00	25.00
Office Furniture	200.00	187.13	
Tax Map	750.00	750.00	750.00
Total Appropriation	$48,023.00		$63,662.93
Less Estimated Revenue	56,628.00		58,327.11
Net Town Appropriation	$ (8,605.00)		$ 5,335.82

#As approved by the Dept. of Revenue Administration (Sept. 1978)

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Land Valuation	$5,027,017.00	
Current Use Exemption	1,849,377.00	
		$3,177,640.00
Buildings		3,284,425.00
Electric Companies		199,942.00
Mobile Homes		303,540.00
TOTAL VALUATION		$6,965,547.00
Elderly Exemptions		71,275.00
NET VALUATION		$6,894,272.00

PROPERTY TAXES RAISED 1978

Net Town Appropriation 1978	($ 8,605.00)
Net School Appropriation 1978-1979	170,849.00
County Tax Assessment	10,788.00
TOTAL	$173,032.00
Deduct - Reimbursed Business Profits Tax	8,258.00
Add - War Service Tax Credits	2,365.00
Add - Overlay	1,000.00
Property Taxes Raised 1978	$168,139.00

1978 TAX RATE

Tax Rate Per $100.00 Valuation		$ 2.44
Municipal	$ (0.10)	
County	.15	
School	2.39	
		$ 2.44

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash with Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1979		$167,604.61	
Cash with Planning Board, Jan. 1, 1979		25.00	
Account due from State of N.H. (Columbia Bridge)		5,000.00	
Unredeemed Taxes			
Levy of 1976	$ 25.15		
Levy of 1977	2,899.84		
Levy of 1978	13,586.81		
		16,511.80	
Uncollected Taxes			
Levy of 1975	$ 184.49		
Levy of 1977	92.67		
Levy of 1978	5,740.95		
		6,018.11	
Total Assets			$195,159.52
Due School District		$170,849.00	
Unexpended Revenue Share		4,058.05	
Due State - Debt Retirement Tax		2,839.12	
State and Town Joint Hgwy. Acct.		5,000.00	
Total Liabilities			182,746.17
Current Surplus			$ 12,413.35

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

Town Hall		$35,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		1,500.00
Highway Dept.	Land and Garage	5,000.00
	Equipment	1,400.00

SUMMARY REVENUE SHARE

Funds Available Jan. 1, 1978		$ 3,186.20	
Funds Received During 1978			
Jan. Entitlement	$ 2,162.00		
April Entitlement	2,162.00		
July Entitlement	2,162.00		
Oct. Entitlement	2,165.00		
Total Receipts		$ 8,651.00	
Interest Earned During 1978		220.85	
TOTAL			$12,058.05

Less Expenditures:

Town Officers Expenses	$ 900.00	
Cemeteries	350.00	
Waste Disposal	1,200.00	
Fire Protection	1,100.00	
Colebrook Communications Center Operation	500.00	
Town Poor & Old Age, Blind & Disabled Assistance	1,500.00	
Tax Maps	750.00	
U.C.V. Hospital Association	500.00	
Ambulance District A-1	400.00	
Northern Coos Community Health Association	400.00	
U.C.V. Mental Health Services	400.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 8,000.00
Funds Available Dec. 31, 1978		$ 4,058.05

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year ending December 31, 1978, I have recorded in this office, 12 births, 8 marriages, and 5 deaths.

Licenses were paid to me for dogs in the amount of $136.00. I have issued 606 motor vehicle permits amounting to $14,350.00 and have received $7.00 in filing fees. I have collected the sum of $510.00 for Sanitary Land Fill stickers issued during the year 1978. All amounts have been deposited to the Town Treasurer.

ISABELLE M. PARKHURST
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1978

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$165,867.54		
Resident Taxes	3,700.00		
Total Warrants		$169,567.54	
Yield Taxes		12,597.21	
Added Taxes:			
Resident Taxes		70.00	
Land Use Change Taxes		1,633.80	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		1,014.74	
Inventory Penalties		210.00	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		9.00	
TOTAL DEBITS			$185,102.29

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$164,993.17	
Resident Taxes	3,330.00	
Yield Taxes	7,292.14	
Land Use change Change Taxes	1,633.80	
Interest Collected	973.89	

Penalties on Resident Taxes		9.00		
Inventory Penalties		210.00		
			$178,442.00	
Abatements Made During Year:				
Property Taxes	$	839.34		
Resident Taxes		70.00		
Inventory Penalty		10.00		
			919.34	
Uncollected Taxes – December 31, 1978: (As Per Collector's List)				
Property Taxes	$	65.88		
Resident Taxes		370.00		
Yield Taxes		5,305.07		
			5,740.95	
TOTAL CREDITS				$185,102.29

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1977

– DR. –

Uncollected Taxes – As of January 1, 1978:			
Property Taxes	$25,610.90		
Resident Taxes	130.00		
Yield taxes	4,437.48		
		$30,178.38	
Added Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 20.00	20.00	

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		$ 689.02	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		8.00	
TOTAL DEBITS			$30,895.40

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1978:			
Property Taxes	$25,535.57		
Resident Taxes	100.00		
Yield Taxes	4,344.81		
Interest Collected During Year	689.02		
Penalties on Resident Taxes	8.00		
		$30,657.40	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	$ 75.33		
Resident Taxes	50.00		
		125.33	
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978: (As Per Collector's List)			
Yield Taxes		92.67	
TOTAL CREDITS			$30,895.40

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976

NONE

LEVY OF 1975

– DR. –

Uncollected Taxes – As of January 1, 1978:		
Yield Taxes	$ 184.49	
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 184.49

– CR. –

Uncollected Taxes – December 31, 1978: (As Per Collector's List)		
Yield Taxes	$ 184.49	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 184.49

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

— DR. —

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:	
	1977	1976
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1978	$	$ 2,050.61
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	23,286.27	
Interest Collected After Sale	327.51	311.10
Redemption Costs	357.20	
TOTAL DEBITS	$23,970.98	$ 2,361.71

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:		
Redemptions	$ 7,227.69	$ 2,025.46
Interest & Costs After Sale	214.13	311.10
Abatements During Year	42.51	
Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1978	16,486.65	25.15
TOTAL CREDITS	$23,970.98	$ 2,361.71

UNREDEEMED TAXES

DECEMBER 31, 1978

	1978	1977	1976
Brady, Francis	$ 2,550.71	$	$
Burnham, Neil	55.21		
Carriera, Joseph	15.87		
Cass, Jacqueline	458.01	514.30	
Cass, Kevin & Morris	127.79		
Cass, Robert	8.91		
Cass, Roland	8.91		
Clark, Edith Heirs	512.82	464.46	
Corriveau, Gregoire	343.20		
Darling, Peter	12.67		
Davis, Leonard	400.73		
Driscoll, Timothy	104.63		
Gaudette, Archie	519.46		
Gaudette, David	514.30	493.73	
Goodrum, Bernard	246.25		
Goodrum, Clarence	152.44		
Gould, Jay	262.08	288.60	
Great Northern Div. & Rec. Associates	1,368.31		
Hamel, Ray	627.07	656.07	
Hartwell, Wesley	378.28		
Haynes, Gerald	779.55		
Haynes, Harry	102.90		
Haynes, Laverna	336.67		
Johnsen, Richard	380.45		
King, Fred	8.72		
Laperle, Roland			25.15
Lewis, Darwin	9.31		
MacDonald, Finley	945.26		
MacDonald, Susan	122.21		
Marsh, Samuel	154.66		
Martin, Gordon	98.36		
McIntyre, Randall	95.90	108.76	
Morgulis, Anne	75.49	73.66	
Reese, Walter	76.23		
Riendeau, George	489.96		
Riley, Daniel	138.43		
Rouleau, Dennis	630.09		
Segalini, Recardo	141.14		
Shallow, Robert	11.01		
Taylor, Robert	43.78	48.71	

Tester, William		129.74	
Wagner, Woodlands	279.04		
West, Lee, Jr.		121.81	
Total Unredeemed	$13,586.81	$ 2,899.84	$ 25.15

UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

Belanger, Lois	$ 10.00	Marsh, Walter, Sr.	$ 10.00
Belanger, Roger	10.00	Morgan, John D.	10.00
Bennett, Maureen	10.00	Normandeau, Amber	10.00
Bennett, Floyd	10.00	Osgood, Florence	10.00
Butler, William	10.00	Otto, William	10.00
Caouette, Gilles	10.00	Parker, Karen	10.00
Daniels, Nancy	10.00	Parker, Leonard	10.00
Daniels, Wayne	10.00	Phillips, Helen	10.00
Driscoll, Timothy	10.00	Phillips, Carl	10.00
Gilbert, Gary	10.00	Purrington, Wilmer	10.00
Goodrum, Eva M.	10.00	Rainville, Carol	10.00
Goodrum, Earl	10.00	Rainville, David	10.00
Jesseman, Dorothy	10.00	Rainville, Roberta	10.00
Johnstone, Catherine	10.00	Rainville, Wilbur	10.00
Keach, Robert	10.00	Shallow, David L.	10.00
King, Steve	10.00	Shallow, Bonnie	10.00
Laughton, Jason	10.00	Shallow, Robert	10.00
Marsh, Andrew	10.00		
Marsh, Patricia	10.00	TOTAL	$370.00
Marsh, Samuel	10.00		

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

Wemyes, James B, Jr. & Charles C.	$ 65.88

UNCOLLECTED YIELD TAXES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

Corriveau, Gregoire	$ 306.37	
Gadwah, Herbert	4,353.13	
Lynch Lumber Co. (John Lynch)	645.57	
		$ 5,305.07

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1978, on account of the tax levy of 1978, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

LUCILLE LALANDE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	$151,730.12
Received from all sources	281,411.78
	433,141.90
Less Selectmen's Payments	269,595.34
Balance on hand, January 1, 1979	$163,546.56

REVENUE SHARE ACCOUNT:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	$ 3,186.20
Received from U. S. Treas. & Int.	8,871.85
	12,058.05
Less Payments	8,000.00
Balance on hand, January 1, 1979	$ 4,058.05

Balance on Hand (All Accounts) January 1, 1979	$167,604.61

KENNETH A. PARKHURST
Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

State of N. H., Highway Subsidy	$ 7,043.25
State of N. H., Add'l Highway Subsidy	3,883.24
State of N. H., Forest Fires Refund	82.75
State of N. H., Class V Roads	4,814.41
State of N. H., Savings Bank Tax	2,745.66
State of N. H., Interest & Dividends	2,327.40
State of N. H., Business Profits Tax	8,260.28
State of N. H., Meals & Rooms Tax	3,762.76
N. H. Elec. Coop., Inc., Forest Fire Refund	242.86
Tax Collector	218,897.78
Town Clerk, Auto Permits	14,350.00
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	136.00
Town Clerk, Filing Fees	7.00
Town Clerk, Land Fill Stickers	510.00
R & H Garage, Junk Yard License	25.00
Farmers & Traders Nat'l & S. Bank, Note	10,000.00
Interest on Savings Account	1,455.82
Columbia Planning Board, Application fees	97.10
Trustee of Trust Funds, interest	91.47
Sale of Town Truck	2,679.00
TOTAL	$281,411.78
U. S. Treasury, Revenue Share	8,651.00
Farmers & Traders Nat'l & Sav. Bank, Interest	220.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$290,283.63

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
*Officers Salaries	$	$ 2,482.50	$ 2,482.50
*Officers Expenses	900.00	5,060.74	5,960.74
*Election & Registration		183.45	183.45
*Town Buildings		956.51	956.51
Office Furniture		187.13	187.13
Cemeteries	350.00	91.53	441.53
Fires	1,100.00	3,279.41	4,379.41
Town Poor	1,121.25	851.14	1,972.39
N. H. Old Age Assist.	212.75	169.00	381.75
N. H. Welfare Assist.	166.00	110.00	276.00
Roads, Bridges, & Culverts		33,599.57	33,599.57
Miscellaneous	4,150.00	222,624.36	226,774.36
TOTALS	$ 8,000.00	$269,595.34	$277,595.34

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

*Officers' Salaries:

Milton E. Adair, Selectman	$ 200.00
Frederic A. Foss, Selectman	200.00
Ray W. Placy, Selectman	200.00
Kenneth A. Parkhurst, Town Treasurer	200.00
Isabelle Parkhurst, Town Clerk	400.00
Lucille Lalande, Tax Collector	300.00
Mabel Sims, Supervisor	85.00
Lucille Lalande, Supervisor	70.00
Eugene Jordan, Supervisor	70.00
Margaret Salls, Moderator	45.00
Patty A. Hart, Auditor	85.00
Barbara J. Laperle, Auditor	75.00
Milton E. Adair, Overseer of Poor	52.50
Everett Stanton, Planning Board	100.00
Charles White, Planning Board	100.00
Edward Poulin, Planning Board	100.00
Clement Brault, Planning Board	100.00
Ray W. Placy, Planning Board	100.00
TOTAL	$ 2,482.50

*Officers' Expenses:	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
N. H. Municipal Assoc. Dues	$ 200.00	$	$ 200.00
N. H. Assessing Assoc., Dues		40.00	40.00
N. H. Town Clerk Assoc., Dues		20.00	20.00
N. H. Tax Coll. Assoc., Dues		12.00	12.00
Andrew George Agency, Bonds	194.00		194.00
Planning Board, Petty Cash		25.00	25.00
News & Sentinel, Notices & ballots	78.49	79.10	157.59
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags	19.54		19.54

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Ref. Books		15.90	15.90
M/S Printing, Town Reports, tax bills	407.97	196.53	604.50
Colebrook Office Supplies, Supplies		64.96	64.96
Brown & Saltmarsh, Forms		137.07	137.07
Register of Deeds, T-Cards, Sub-div. regs.		70.40	70.40
Probate Court for County of Coos, Deceased persons list		.30	.30
Dept. of Rev. Adm., Boat Form		.67	.67
Elizabeth Adair, Tax Coll. Expenses		380.82	380.82
Lucille Lalande, Tax Coll. Expenses		862.02	862.02
Robert W. Shaw, map		1.50	1.50
Frederick Harrigan, Legal		85.00	85.00
Isabelle Parkhurst, Town Clerk Exp.		880.91	880.91
Frederic A. Foss, Clerical Exp.		1,623.51	1,623.51
Frederic A. Foss, Selectman Exp.		328.67	328.67
Frederic A. Foss, Yield Tax Adm.		75.00	75.00
Milton E. Adair, Selectman Exp.		61.38	61.38
Ray W. Placy Jr., Selectman Exp.		100.00	100.00
TOTALS	$ 900.00	$ 5,060.74	$ 5,960.74

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
***Election & Registration:**			
Mabel Sims, Registration Cards		$ 6.25	$ 6.25
Juanita Adair, Ballot Clerk		30.00	30.00
Roberta Rainville, Ballot Clerk		10.00	10.00
Leona Laperle, Ballot Clerk		20.00	20.00
News & Sentinel, Checklist Printing		117.20	117.20
TOTALS		$ 183.45	$ 183.45
***Town Buildings:**			
N. E. Tel. Co., Tel.		$ 286.24	
Public Service Co. of N. H., Electricity		298.44	
Armand Fauteux, Wood		30.00	
L. Parkhurst & Sons, Shelving & Brackets		7.96	
Milton E. Adair, Painting & window repair		248.87	
Tom Pryor, Sign Painting		85.00	
TOTAL			$ 956.51
Office Furniture:			
Public Service Co. of N. H., Desk & Chair		$ 160.00	
Sears Roebuck, Filing Cabinet		27.13	
TOTAL			$ 187.13

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
Cemeteries:			
Brett Gleason	$ 350.00	$ 40.00	$ 390.00
Lew Wallace, Jr.		51.53	51.53
TOTALS	$ 350.00	$ 91.53	$ 441.53
(Reimbursed by trust fund – $51.53)			
Fires:			
Colebrook Fire Dept.:			
Robert Morgan, Barn, 1-21-78	$	$ 627.50	
Fred MacDonald, House, 2-7-78		206.00	
Dupont Realty, Grass, 5-8-78		227.00	
Lucy Carter, House, 6-4-78	630.00		
Claire Young, House, 6-15-78	470.00		
Walter Marsh, Jr., House, 6-20-78		554.50	
Walter Marsh, Jr., Chimney, 10-17-78		174.50	
Town Shed, 10-29-78		363.02	
William Sambito, Chimney, 11-20-78		210.50	
Lawrence Sand & Gravel Truck, 11-27-78		98.50	
TOTAL			$ 3,573.52
Stratford Fire Dept.:			
Barbara Swift, Chimney, 12-30-77		484.00	
Richard Welster, Chimney, 1-20-78		120.00	
TOTAL			$ 604.00

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
Frederic A. Foss, Warden training, exp., labor		$ 188.21	$ 188.21
Alex Bessette, Dupont fire labor		6.18	6.18
Peter Dion, Deputy Warden		7.50	7.50
TOTALS	$ 1,100.00	$ 3,279.41	$ 4,379.41
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	$ 1,121.25	$ 851.14	$ 1,972.39
N. H. Old Age Assist.	212.75	169.00	381.75
N. H. Welfare Assist.	166.00	110.00	276.00
TOTALS	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,130.14	$ 2,630.14

ROADS – BRIDGES – CULVERTS

	Town Maint. Summer	Town Maint. Winter	Highway Subsidy	Additional Highway Subsidy	Duncan Fund	T.R.A.
Nugent Motor Co.	$ 1,275.23	$13,482.30	$ 4,000.00	$	$ 3,600.27	$
Nils Champagne	42.00					
Pike Industries, Inc.	244.09				1,214.14	
Town of Colebrook	123.06		126.94	80.00		
Gilles Rancourt				1,558.00		
Sheldon Gray	288.00		2,904.50	1,712.20		
Earl Lyons				381.00		
Bruce Grover				147.10		
Frederic A. Foss	252.00					
Treasurer, State of N. H.						519.19
Nichols & Stone			11.81	4.94		
Corriveau Logging	870.00					
Charles Corliss	57.80					
Frank Owen	180.00					
Claude Corriveau	385.00					
John Lynch	140.00					
TOTALS	$ 3,857.18	$13,482.30	$ 7,043.25	$ 3,883.24	$ 4,814.41	$ 519.19

Total Spent on Roads $33,599.57
Total Town Monies $17,858.67

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
Miscellaneous Payments:			
Town of Colebrook, Dump Use	$ 1,200.00	$ 784.75	$ 1,984.75
Town of Colebrook, Communications Center Operation	500.00		500.00
Design Concepts, Tax Maps	750.00		750.00
U.C.V. Hospital Assoc.	500.00		500.00
Ambulance Dist. A-1	400.00	100.00	500.00
Northern Coos Community Health Assoc.	400.00		400.00
U.C.V. Mental Health Services, Inc.	400.00	41.00	441.00
*Marshall & Kent, Ins. workmen's comp.		113.00	113.00
*Marshall & Kent, Ins. town hall & garage liability		61.00	61.00
*Marshall & Kent, Ins. cemeteries, liability		67.00	67.00
*Marshall & Kent, Ins., cemetery fence		38.00	38.00
*Marshall & Kent, Ins., town hall		393.60	393.60
*Dunlop Agency, Ins., public official liability		847.00	847.00
*Concord Group Insurance Co., insurance, trailer		13.50	13.50
Colebrook Public Library		25.00	25.00
North Country Council, Inc.		300.00	300.00
L. H. Jolin, Appraisals		700.00	700.00
Elizabeth Adair, Tax Coll., Taxes bought by town		10,170.04	10,170.04
Lucille Lalande, Tax Coll., Taxes bought by town		13,586.81	13,586.81

	Revenue Share Checking	Town Checking	Totals
Dean Sweatt, Tax refund		186.00	186.00
Gaston Riendeau, tax refund		50.00	50.00
Thomas J. Ashe, tax refund		2.68	2.68
Farmers & Traders Bank, Note & Int.		10,069.76	10,069.76
Treasurer, State of N.H., Bond & Debt Retirement tax		451.65	451.65
Treasurer, State of N.H., Dog fees		8.50	8.50
J. D. Morton, Coos County Treasurer, County Tax		10,788.00	10,788.00
Barbara Kiliam, School Treasurer		173,827.07	173,827.07
TOTALS	$ 4,150.00	$222,624.36	$226,774.36

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1978

Date Of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose Of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal: Balance Beginning Year	Principal: Balance End Year	Income: Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year: Amount	INCOME: Expended During Year
3/27/33	Ellen Cleaveland	Care of Cemetery Lot	Farm. & Trad. Bank Acct. No. 300096-6	$ 100.00	$ 100.00		$ 5.15	$ 5.15
9/30/46	Henry Forristall	Care of Cemetery Lot	Cole. Guar. S. Bank Acct. No. 13117	200.00	200.00		10.31	10.31
8/29/35	Mrs. Warren Marshall	Care of Cemetery Lot	Farm. & Trad. Bank Acct. No. 300123-7	75.00	75.00		3.86	3.86
3/ 4/46	Mary E. Walker	Care of Cemetery Lot	Farm. & Trad. Bank Acct. No. 300289-6	400.00	400.00		20.62	20.62
2/ 6/58	Thomas W. Wallace	Care of Cemetery Lot	Cole. Guar. S. Bank Acct. No. 556	1,000.00	1,000.00		51.53	51.53
				$1,775.00	$1,775.00		$ 91.47	$ 91.47

CERTIFICATE

I have examined these books and find them to be accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

January 19, 1979 PATTY A. HART, Auditor

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustee of Trust Funds, Selectmen of the Town of Columbia, and the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund, and find them to be computed and accounted for correctly to the best of our knowledge and ability.

January 19, 1979

PATTY A. HART, Auditor
BARBARA J. LaPERLE, Auditor

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1978	$ 0.00	
From Town Treasurer	25.00	
From 27, Applications for Building Permits Approved	54.00	
From 1 Application for Building Permit Denied	0.00	
From 12 Applications for Subdivisions Approved	180.00	
		$ 259.00

EXPENSES:

Colebrook Office Supply	$ 1.71	
Telephone	4.00	
U. S. Postage	78.34	
News & Sentinel	40.85	
M/S Printing	12.00	
Remitted to Town Treasurer	97.10	
		234.00
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1978		$ 25.00

BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

Residential Structures:	
Permanent Residences:	
Frame or Modular Construction	3
Additions or Alterations to	3
Mobile Homes	6
Additions or Alterations to	0
Seasonal Residences:	
Camps	5
Additions or Alterations to	1

Non-Residential Structures:

Garages	5
Additions or Alterations to	0
Sheds, Storage	2
Additions or Alterations to	1
Signs	1
	27

CLEMENT E. BRAULT, D.M.D.
Secretary

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

In Columbia, North Country Council reviewed the town's subdivision regulations and provided general planning information.

The North Country Council continued to make substantial progress in 1978 by providing services in the following areas:

Planning Services: Providing local technical assistance to member communities continued to consume a good amount of Council time. Areas of assistance include: master planning, subdivision regulations, zoning, reviewing development proposals, mobile homes, grantsmanship, etc. Through a grant from the Farmers Home Administration, NCC will have the services of a project planner and planning engineer to further assist communities in water supply, solid waste and review of development proposals.

Economic Development: NCC updated its Overall Development Program, a requirement which entitles the North Country to EDA grants and loans. The Council also completed a Wood Energy Study and a Downtown Improvement Program for 1 town. Through the resources of the University of New Hampshire, a business counseling program is being developed. Federal and state agencies use the Council's work as a guide for future public investments.

Preparation of Regional Plans: In 1978, the Council adopted and published both the Land Use Element and the Housing Element. Both of these documents provide a broad framework for action in these two areas. In the area of solid waste, the Council has coordinated a number of meetings with the N. H. Air Pollution Control Commission, Division of Public Health and sponsored a meeting on solid waste disposal in January 1979. The Council has continued to make progress in the Public Transportation Program. NCC also coordinated with the N. H. Department of Public Works and Highways in the annual meeting to receive local input on needed highway improvements. Much of the Council's time is spent responding to requests from Selectmen on various planning matters. Fact sheets have been prepared on soils and community planning, wetlands, and master planning. Other educational documents will be prepared in 1979.

North Country Perspective: NCC continues to respond to opportunities to provide a North Country perspective to federal and state policies. NCC represented the area in a 3-day workshop

as part of the Farmers Home Administration's national assessment of rural community facilities. Council members represent the North Country on the State's "208" Water Quality Program, solid waste program and other areas. The Council testified before the N. H. House subcommittee on Growth.

Education and Information: For the third consecutive year, the North Country Council co-sponsored the six municipal law lectures. A special workshop was held on the development of small hydro sites. NCC also sponsored a North Country meeting of bankers, real estate agents, local officials, and other development interests to inform them of the opportunities under the N. H. Housing Finance Agency's mortgage program. With the advent of Planning Profiles, the Council's monthly newsletter, NCC is making an effort to keep local officials and interested persons up-to-date on Council programs and other related planning activities. In a further effort to solicit local input on planning projects, the Council has been holding a series of subregional meetings around the North Country,

In 1979, the Council expects to provide more services to local officials to help them carry out the goals of their own towns. The newly-funded Area Development Assistance Program will provide greater assistance to communities. NCC will be working on an energy program to determine the practicality of developing indigenous energy resources. Requests for community planning services will increase.

Membership in the Council over the last five years has increased from five members in 1973 to forty active members in 1978. A good deal of service has been provided in that period and it is hoped that more can be provided in the years ahead. Ideas on how the Council can be of greater assistance to towns are welcomed. The Board of Directors and all the members of the North Country Council greatly appreciate the support received from the towns. This support has enabled the Council to provide its planning services for the region and local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Clement Brault, D.M.D.
North Country Council
Representative

White Mountains Region Association

SUMMARY REPORT FOR JULY 1, 1977 TO JUNE 30, 1978

Solicited and prepared the 1978 edition of the State's Lodging in New Hampshire, and your Association's Where to Stay/Dine in the White Mountains Region.

Began an overhauling of much of your Association's promotional literature. The major result will be an improved Map and Guide to the White Mountains Region.

Prepared all text material for issues of Outlook Magazine, copies of which were sent to all White Mt. region businesses, selectmen, county commissioners, and to all state legislators and and state department commissioners, and directors.

Continued its work in support of the White Mountains Center for the Arts.

Held a joint annual meeting with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshrie Forests at Bethlehem's Rock's Estate in an effort to give the proposed Farm and Forest Museum more publicity to regional businesses and citizens.

Represented on several committees and organizations throughout the state and the region.

Provided informational and promotional material to out-of-state promotion and travel agencies.

Continued its support of 4-H groups and activities in Grafton, Coos and Carroll Counties.

Sponsored a seminar on advertising and promotional essentials for businesses in the region.

Put together an inventory of the number of overnight accommodations in the region to help determine what the total population of the region would be if all beds were filled (resident plus visitors). (Hospitals needed such information to prepare for any widespread emergencies such as flu epidemics).

Spoke before several groups and organizations.

Continued to help finance publications of the Christmas Tree Vendor which, in turn, helps support the $1.2 million industry here in the region.

Answered 3000 single inquiries.

Answered 520 bulk inquiries.

Wrote 196 personal letters.

Sent 53 bulletins of Lodging and Real Estate Inquiries.

Processed 13,598 mimeographed letters.

Wrote 7 news releases.

EDWARD G. PINKERTON
Executive Director

UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

A number of important changes have taken place in the programs and services offered by UCVMHSI during the last year. We have been very fortunate in securing new staff, Mr. Roger LeBoeuf and Mrs. Frances LeBoeuf, who have specialized skills in treating alcoholism and drug abuse problems, and in working with young people toward the prevention of such problems. The schools, correctional institution, and local industry all recognize the benefit of efforts to alleviate alcohol and drug related problems and are helping us broaden the scope of these treatment and educational programs.

Also, our area is shown to have a greater proportion of population in the elderly age group than the state average. Often our older citizens find themselves unable, through lack of transportation or other constraints, to avail themselves of needed services. Ms. Julie Riffon, M.S.W., who joined the staff last August, brought to us the training and experience needed to reach out to elderly residents who have previously lacked means of access to obtaining help. In addition to making regular home visits, she is working in an advocacy role in the community toward improving the availability of needed services for our elderly population.

On July 1, 1978, UCVMHSI accepted the financial and program responsibility for Ver-Shire in order to assure the continuation of its services to the developmentally and physically handicapped. For many years Ver-Shire has been offering vocational training and the development of life-coping skills under a competent and devoted staff. This facility is unique in our area and provides its clients with opportunities for progress that otherwise would not exist.

The basic goals of a community mental health service continue to be met through individual and group therapy, marriage and family counseling, medical supervision by our staff psychiatrist, Michael A. Evans, M.D., consultation to schools and institutions, psychiatric care for locally hospitalized patients, and the availability of staff for emergency service at any time.

Last year a total of 399 persons received services with approximately the same distribution as in previous years coming from each of the towns we serve.

UCVMHSI operated its previous year's budget on town contributions, $9991., patient fees, $14,324., consultation fees, $820., State Grant-In-Aid, 31%, and Federal Grants, 48%. State and Federal dollars would not be forthcoming without the demonstrated need and support of the towns and its people. No one, however, is ever turned away from the clinic because of an inability to pay for the service.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER BOYINGTON, President
UCVMHSI Board of Directors

NORTHERN COOS COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

February 2, 1979

Selectmen
Town of Columbia
Colebrook, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Northern Coos Community Health Association is continuing to provide health services to people in their homes to help both the sick to recover, and the well to maintain their health.

Providing skilled nursing, physical therapy, personal care and homemaking, we also counsel and visit new mothers and offer expectant parent classes.

Our funding varies with the service involved, and includes grant, monies from State and Federal governments, which depend largely on match monies from local town appropriations. We also work with Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and other insurance companies.

All area residents are invited and urged to use the free immunization clinics for preschool age children held monthly in area towns, and senior citizen blood pressure clinics.

In Columbia this year, the Agency nurses have visited five new mothers and babies, made thirty skilled nursing, eight physical therapy and ten homemaker-home health aide visits.

We hope to continue and expand these services in the coming year.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY FREDERICK, R.N.
Executive Director

UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Our fiscal year of 1978 was a moderate one in terms of accomplishments.

The hospital interviewed a number of physicians with the prospects of hiring some of them as employees of the hospital. One physician was interested and based upon his medical background and recommendations he was hired and his office was opened in the hospital. However, after approximately two months, expectations concerning both employee and employer were not suitable and the physician resigned and departed from the area.

A decision was made to participate under the National Public Health Service Corps to secure physicians by the directors and the medical staff. A number of physicians came to Colebrook and three of these physicians will start practicing in July, 1979. These physicians have a two-year commitment to serve the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital area. It is anticipated that by July, 1979, a privately-owned medical arts building will be ready for the physicians' occupancy. This should be a plus for attracting and keeping physicians and surgeons in the future.

The Board of Directors unanimously voted for a cost containment program for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital which in essence is to try and keep hospital and medical cost down. It is estimated that between 25 and 27 percent of the cost of treating patients goes for compliance with the numerous health forms and data required by the Government. Just think for a moment what this could reduce a $2,000 hospital bill to if a number of these forms could be eliminated. It is almost unthinkable the forms, reports and data and duplications of same for the different governmental agencies requiring them.

Also we must keep in mind that inflation is a sizeable addition to the rising cost of medical care; these factors are of great concern to us as directors, especially when the forthcoming annual budget appears before the board. Governmental rule affects about 80 percent of the Board of Directors' decisions and policy making. Again I repeat my favorite quotation, "It is a Director's nightmare."

During the year of 1978 we welcomed aboard two new members to the Board of Directors – Mr. John Forbes from Colebrook and Mr. Donald Ladd from Stewartstown.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity on the behalf of the Board of Directors to thank the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Auxiliary for a job very well done in regards to their fund raising and other activities. Also a thanks of appreciation to the medical staff, administration and employees of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital. The Board of Directors extends its appreciation to the area residents that gave memorial gifts and donations to the hospital.

I close my annual report with the thoughts that the year of 1979 will be more progressive with the physicians' medical building now a reality. The Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital will continue to strive for excellent quality care in the field of health to the communities to which its serves.

Respectfully,

MARTIN G. HEWSON
President, Board of Directors

UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

December 29, 1978

Office of the Selectmen
Town of Columbia
Columbia, New Hampshire

Dear Selectmen:

The attached annual report of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital's activities for 1978 is forwarded for your perusal and comments.

The financial statement, as compiled and verified by the auditing firm of Henderson and Tully, Certified Public Accountants, located in Nashua, New Hampshire, gives a review of last year's financial operations. The other three reports were written and given by the President of the Board, Mr. Martin Hewson, the Chief of the Medical Staff, Dr. William H. Gifford and the hospital Administrator, Mr. Robert C. MacLean.

Any clarification or additional information you may desire can be obtained by writing or calling my office. Should you desire to print any or all of these reports in your annual booklet, please feel free to do so. We are forwarding these reports in line with the hospital policy of full disclosure of its activities to the people we serve.

Through the efforts of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Association, we have enlisted the help of the National Health Service Corps. for the recruitment of medical personnel. Three physicians and two family nurse practitioners have been committed to the area. They will function within a group practice that will be known as the Indian Stream Professional Association. As of this date, we have two family nurse practitioners assigned and the other three physicians are due to arrive in mid-July of 1979. With the wholehearted support of the people in our service area and the addition of these five people, we shall have an excellent medical community. In addition, clinics are to be opened both north and south of Colebrook for the convenience of the patients in those areas.

Once again we must ask townships who use our medical services to assist with the cost. We would appreciate your entering the attached item in the town warrant for March of 1979 and that it be made an annual item thereafter. This is the same request we

have made for the past two years. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact the undersigned.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support and loyalty to this hospital and its programs. We are most grateful for your generous support and cooperation and are hopeful that it will continue in the future.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. MacLEAN
Administrator

AMBULANCE DISTRICT A-1
ANNUAL REPORT

The District A-1 Ambulance Corps has had quite a busy year. We have had a number of interesting and challenging runs which have really proved to us how rewarding a service such as ours can be.

As usual, there has been on-going refresher courses for the members as well as several CPR courses which have been offered to the communities in general. We have two advanced Red Cross First Aid instructors who have also offered their services to various organizations and members of the community in general. We have had one EMT course which was financed by the UCVH.

We are hopeful that in the coming year, we will be able to purchase a new chassis for the Colebrook modular ambulance.

At the moment, the EMS office in Concord is working on a grant that will help us to obtain funding for regional planning and development of the district. Hopefully, this will enable us to offer more EMT courses.

As always, we will continue to serve the communities of our district in the best possible manner in the coming year.

CAROL A. URAN, R.N.
Chairman, District A-1
Ambulance Corps

DISTRICT FOREST FIRE CHIEF
AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
ANNUAL REPORT

For more than 80 years, a cooperative effort between the State of New Hampshire and local forest fire authorities has created a forest fire prevention and suppression program that is recognized as superior throughout the United States.

Since the first forest fire laws were written in 1895, the state and local community governments have worked together to prevent and combat forest fires.

Today, 249 forest fire wardens and more than 1,800 deputy wardens are appointed every three years by the State Forester to work with the members of the State Forest Fire staff in this effort. State funds are used to pay one-half the cost of forest fire suppression costs incurred by local forest fire organizations, within pay rates established by the Governor and Council. State funds matched by local funds are used to purchase hand tools to suppress forest fires, to train local forest fire crews and in forest fire prevention work.

All outside burning, when the ground is not covered with snow, is permitted only after obtaining a written fire permit from your local Forest Fire Warden. Penalty for burning without a permit when one is required is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to $1,000 or a jail term of up to one year or both.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

1978 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,433	460
District	6	9
Town	1	3½

BURNHAM A. JUDD
District Fire Chief

FREDERIC FOSS
Forest Fire Warden

1977 - 1978

SCHOOL REPORT
COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICERS

Moderator
MARGARET SALLS

Clerk
BARBARA KILLAM

Treasurer
BARBARA KILLAM

Auditors
PATTY HART
BARBARA LAPERLE

School Board

MARY LOU PLACY, Chrm.	Term Expires 1979
EDWARD A. POULIN	Term Expires 1980
FINLEY MacDONALD	Term Expires 1981

Superintendent of Schools
STEPHEN E. DEHL

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
PERLEY E. DAVIS

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 1979, immediately following the Town District Meeting, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To bring in your ballots for the election of School District Officers to be elected by ballot for the School District of Columbia for the ensuing year(s).

2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the District, any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or the United States.

4. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

5. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 26th day of February, 1979.

MARY LOU PLACY, Chrm.
EDWARD A. POULIN
FINLEY MacDONALD

Columbia School Board

A true copy of warrant - attest:

MARY LOU PLACY, Chrm.
EDWARD A. POULIN
FINLEY MacDONALD
Columbia School Board

PROCEEDINGS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 14, 1978

The School District of Columbia
County of Coos
State of New Hampshire

The School District Meeting was called to order at 12:15 P.M. by the Moderator, Margaret Salls.

Article 1. Motion was made by David Killam that this article be passed over until the completion of the following articles. Seconded by Mary Lou Placy. The motion carried.

Article 2. Motion made by Clement Brault that salaries of school board and all other officials remain the same. Seconded by Isabelle Parkhurst. Vote was in the affirmative.

Article 3. Motion was made by David Killam to accept the reports of the officers of the District. Seconded by Finley MacDonald. The motion carried.

Article 4. Motion was made by Erwin Parkhurst that this article be passed over for ballot vote later. Seconded by Finley MacDonald. Motion carried.

Article 5. Motion was made by Erwin Parkhurst to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the District, any or all grants of offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or the United States. Seconded by Clement Brault. Vote was in the affirmative.

Article 6. Motion was made by Roger DeBlois to raise the sum of $191,056.00 for the school district. Seconded by Finley MacDonald. Vote was in the affirmative.

Article 7. Provisions of area agreement whereby tuition may be paid to a town other than Colebrook were explained.

The motion was made by David Killam that Article 1 and Article 4 be adopted and polls be opened for balloting. Seconded by Mary Lou Placy. The motion carried.

No further business to come before this meeting, the motion was made by David Killam, seconded by Ray Placy, to adjourn the meeting without Day or Date at 6:25 P.M.

Results of election March 14, 1978:

School Moderator	Margaret Salls
School Clerk	Barbara Killam
School Treasurer	Barbara Killam
School Board (3 years)	Finley MacDonald
School Auditors	Patty Hart and Barbara LaPerle

Article 4 YES 52 NO 1

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA KILLAM
School Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This past year the State Board of Education adopted a plan outlining the responsibilities of local school districts in establishing an educational accountability program. Included in that program must be steps through which local school districts intend to measure basic pupil skills in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, History and Government in grades 4, 8 and 12. In addition, all local plans must be completed and on file with the State Department of Education by June, 1981.

I am pleased to report that the school districts in Supervisory Union No. 7 are well along the way in establishing such an accountability program. This has been accomplished primarily through the efforts of our teachers in each of the local school districts who began the process four years ago. To date, basic skills and competencies have been developed for all grades, 1-12, in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. It is planned to have the areas of History and Government completed by September, 1979.

A most important part of the local accountability program is an assessment process whereby it can be determined if pupils are learning basic skills and are able to demonstrate that they have mastered these skills. A summary of testing data compiled for the last four years for grades 1-8 does indicate that pupils in our local schools are indeed learning basic skills. When compared to other pupils on a national level, the majority of local pupils have scored at or above their respective grade levels. Skills measured in the tests used were reading comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, language, math concepts, math computations, math problem solving, social studies and science. Although an in depth analysis of testing data for grades 9-12 has not yet been completed, a preliminary study indicates that pupils in those grades are comparing well with other pupils on a national level.

Although the testing data is indeed encouraging for the majority of our pupils, attention has to be given to that percentage of pupils who consistently score below grade level due to their lack of mastery of certain basic skills or because of learning disabilities. Also, it is vital that special attention be given to that small group of gifted pupils who consistently score higher than their respective grade levels. Title I remedial programs, classroom teacher aides, special education programs, along with individualized classroom teacher attention, have done much to help pupils with

learning difficulties.

An increasing problem, however, is the allocation of classroom time a teacher can devote to individualized instruction and still present regular learning programs. This problem is further compounded by the concept of "mainstreaming" whereby educationally and emotionally handicapped pupils are no longer confined to special education classrooms for the entire school day but are returned to regular classrooms under an Individualized Education Plan. Here again classroom teachersaides are helping to alleviate this problem to some degree particularly in those grades with large pupil enrollments. Much remains to be done, however, in the area of providing special individualized instructional materials and resources to the classroom teacher if we are to meet the needs of all handicapped youngsters and still maintain and improve regular education programs.

I extend my thanks to the educational staff in our local schools for their cooperation and excellent performance in working toward and achieving the educational goals of the school districts and to the members of the local School Boards for their dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN E. DEHL
Superintendent of Schools

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S REPORT

The bulk of the Guidance Officer's time this past year was devoted to the areas of: career education in grades 2, 4 and 8; developing a system of parental interviews to assist in 9th grade enrollments; and implementation of PL94-142.

Having been awarded a grant under Title IV (C), teachers in the 2nd, 4th and 8th grades have been busy writing a curriculum of career education. The Guidance Counselor has been designated as the Project Director and serves as a liason between the school boards and the executive and advisory committees. The career program has adopted the title of "Project Choice", which stands for Challenging Habitudes by providing Opportunities and Interest in Career Education. The basic premise of this project is to attempt to provide each student with a greater and fuller background of career information and choices before they choose their high school courses of study.

This last year all parents of the Colebrook Elementary Eighth Grade were afforded the opportunity to have a conference with the Guidance Counselor to discuss the courses of studies their children would be selecting for the next year. The conferences were scheduled both during the school day and at night so as to make it easier for the parent who works to participate in this program. It is hoped that this program will be broadened to include Pittsburg and Stewartstown this coming year.

Finally, the recent trend of the high school graduates within Supervisory Union 7 favoring the choice of technical schools over liberal arts colleges or four-year colleges seemingly continues. A close inspection of the graduates of Colebrook Academy and Pittsburg High School would disclose that between 5% and 8% went to four-year colleges, 12% to 14% to technical schools, 5% to nursing schools, 4% to 10% to business schools, 4% to beauty schools, and 15% to 20% to the armed forces. This still leaves between 50% and 61% of the graduating classes entering the world of work.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER B. MARTINS
Guidance Counselor
Supervisory Union No. 7

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

The school health program for the Colebrook School District has one objective in mind and that is to promote and maintain good health for all students. A child who is below par physically is not able to benefit fully from the educational opportunities available to him. The success of this year's program was possible only through the combined efforts of school, home and community.

All parents/guardians are provided with a description of the services provided and are urged to take full advantage of same. Any suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

As a reminder to all parents of children entering our school system, the State Department of Education requires each student to meet the following requirements:

1. Physical examination
2. T. B. Test
3. Complete diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus vaccine series
4. Complete oral polio vaccine series
5. Rubella vaccine (German measles)
6. Rubeola vaccine (measles)
7. Mumps vaccine

Free pre-school clinics are available in this area to meet the above requirements. For information and/or clinic dates, call 237-8083.

I have enjoyed working with your children again this year and thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH JANE CUMMINGS, R.N.
School Nurse

COLEBROOK – COLUMBIA TITLE I
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The federally funded Title I ESEA reading project in the Colebrook Elementary School is a major source of support for children in grades 1-5 most likely to experience failure if an individualized program of reading is not provided.

This program must be designed according to prioritized needs identified by a Needs Assessment. Colebrook has just completed this assessment for fiscal 1979.

Information from Parent/Teacher/Student surveys and standardized test data was collected, reviewed and analyzed by a Needs Committee.

Reading was determined as the major skill area with which children needed the most help.

The priority need, development of comprehension skills needed to understand what is read, is the one the school will plan to meet with 1979 funds provided by Title I ESEA.

Concentration on helping primary children with follow-up services for fourth and fifth grades will continue.

At present the Title I project provides individualized, supportive help in reading for ninety-six children in grades 1-5.

The staff includes: 1 Director/Teacher, 2 Educational Associates, 1 Educational Aide, and 4 teacher aides. There is also a Parent Advisory Board comprised of seven parents who meet monthly with the director to review and advise project progress.

It has been a very exciting year for all of us involved with Title I.

The staff exhibited at the State-wide Title I Sharing Conference in Laconia and introduced Colebrook's Title I song with original lyrics. The taped presentation had been taught and then sung by teacher aides and children using the Echo reading teaching method.

In April we will be one of five projects chosen to represent the state at the Eastern States Title I Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. This will not only involve exhibition but we will also present workshops featuring innovative teaching techniques

and hand-made teaching materials and their use.

The Right to Read publication Promising Practices, a resource booklet for local educators, has identified our project as one of New Hampshire's programs in which the language arts elements are particularly beneficial to student learning.

The success of this year's project was possible only through the combined efforts of children, parents, teachers, aides, administrators and the community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSALIE HAWES, Director
Title I ESEA

FINANCIAL REPORT

1977-1978

RECEIPTS

Revenue From Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	$178,457.07	
Earnings from Temporary Deposits	89.62	
Other Revenue from Local Sources	3.00	
		$178,549.69
Revenue From State Sources:		
Sweepstakes	2,079.80	
Foster Children Aid	400.00	
		2,479.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$181,029.49
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1977		6,100.33
GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS		$187,129.82

EXPENDITURES

Administration	$ 1,230.58
Pupil Transportation	18,250.00
Outgoing Transfer Accounts	153,834.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$173,315.57
Balance June 30, 1978	13,814.25
GRAND TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES	$187,129.82

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the School District of Columbia for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 and find them correct in all respects.

PATTY HART
BARBARA LaPERLE
Auditors

July 10, 1978

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

1977 - 1978

ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries of District Officers		
Hart, Patty	$ 5.00	
Killam, Barbara	65.00	
Killam, David	80.00	
LaPerle, Barbara	5.00	
Placy, Mary Lou	80.00	
Poulin, Edward	80.00	
Salls, Margaret	5.00	
		$ 320.00
Contracted Services		
Perry, Theresa	75.00	75.00
Other Expenses of District Officers		
C. A. Home Economics Dept.	50.00	
Flanders, Clayton	326.40	
Lambert's Store	91.28	
National School Boards Assoc.	25.00	
New Hampshire School Boards Assoc.	70.35	
News & Sentinel	19.35	
North Country Education Services	1.00	
Postmaster, Colebrook	80.00	
Stevens, G. M. & Sons	20.00	
Supervisory Union No. 7	27.20	
Upper Conn. Valley Mental Health	110.00	
Washburn, Monique	15.00	
		835.58

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:		
Contracted Services		
Flanders, Clayton	$ 70.00	
Nugent Motor Company	18,180.00	
		$18,250.00
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS:		
Tuition - In State		
Colebrook School District	143,400.58	
Stratford School District	583.11	
		143,983.69
Supervisory Union Expenses		
Davis, Perley	42.75	
Dehl, Stephen	108.01	
Supervisory Union No. 7	8,955.97	
		9,106.73
Tuition - Private Schools		
New Hampshire Hospital	416.13	
Northeast Kingdom Mental Health	328.44	
		744.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$173,315.57

SUPERVISORY UNION #7

In accordance with the laws of 1961, Chapter 189, Section 48, breakdown of the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Business Administrator by the State and respective school districts is as follows:

	77-78 Salary	77-78 Travel	Total
SUPERINTENDENT			
State of N. H.	$ 3,250.00	$ .00	$ 3,250.00
Colebrook	6,991.45	1,001.76	7,993.21
Pittsburg	4,172.42	597.84	4,770.26
Stewartstown	2,418.70	346.56	2,765.26
Columbia	2,252.88	322.80	2,575.68
Clarksville	914.55	131.04	1,045.59
	$20,000.00	$ 2,400.00	$22,400.00
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR			
State of N. H.	$ 2,250.00	$ .00	$ 2,250.00
Colebrook	3,881.82	918.28	4,800.10
Pittsburg	2,316.63	548.02	2,864.65
Stewartstown	1,342.92	317.68	1,660.60
Columbia	1,250.85	295.90	1,546.75
Clarksville	507.78	120.12	627.90
	$11,550.00	$ 2,200.00	$13,750.00

1979 - 1980

BUDGET

COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES OF 1977-78 AND BUDGET OF 1978-79

	Amount Expended 1977-78	Budget 1978-79	Proposed Budget 1979-80
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers	$ 320.00	$ 389.00	$ 436.00
Contracted Services	75.00	75.00	100.00
Other Expenses of Officers	835.58	620.00	1,312.00
Attendance Services:			
Expenses of Truant Officer	.00	30.00	50.00
Pupil Transportation:			
Contracted Services	18,250.00	18,180.00	18,180.00
Outgoing Transfer Accounts:			
Tuition - In State	143,983.69	161,353.00	170,390.00
Supervisory Union Expense	9,106.73	8,197.00	9,659.00
Tuition - Private Schools	744.57	2,212.00	4,804.00
TOTALS	$173,315.57	$191,056.00	$204,931.00

Estimated Receipts

1979 - 1980

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1979	$ 7,685.00
Sweepstakes	2,500.00
Foster Children	400.00
Incentive Aid	2,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	13,085.00
Less Total Proposed Budget	204,931.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	$191,846.00

GENERAL STATISTICS

TRANSPORTATION 1978-79

Transporter:	Rate/ Day:	No. Pupils:	Miles/ Day:	Route:
Nugent Motor Co.	$38.20	42	54	E. Columbia
Nugent Motor Co.	34.00	57	38	S. Columbia
Nugent Motor Co.	28.80	26	52.8	Meriden Hill

TUITION PUPILS AND RATES
1978 - 1979

School:	No. of Pupils:	Tuition Rate:
Colebrook Elementary	104	$ 975.00
Colebrook Academy	37	1,318.00
New Ver-Shire Center	1	1,410.00

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H. DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1978

Date	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Age	Place of Residence	Name of Parents
Jan. 28	Colebrook, N. H.	Denis Gerard Rouleau	20	Columbia, N. H.	Robert Rouleau Jeannine Desautels
		Arlene Marie Mills	37	Columbia, N. H.	Sydney Towle Alma Turner
Apr. 7	Colebrook, N. H.	Raymond E. Canfield	23	Columbia, N. H.	Janice Canfield
		Pamela J. Hatch	19	Columbia, N. H.	Howard Hatch Erlene Paquin
May 20	Colebrook, N. H.	Randall E. Gray	28	Columbia, N. H.	Miles Gray Ruth Lawton
		Annette M. Leigh	18	Beecher Falls, Vt.	Edward Leigh, Jr. Nancy Crawford
July 1	Columbia, N. H.	William D. Butler	25	Columbia, N. H.	William J. Butler Lorraine Coulombe
		Eva Mae Goodrum	19	Columbia, N. H.	Bernard Goodrum Ethel Mills
Aug. 26	Columbia, N. H.	Kenneth I. Adair	32	Columbia, N. H.	Elery W. Adair Juanita A. Corliss
		Charlene M. Smith	21	Columbia, N. H.	Francis W. Smith Lorraine M. Tetu
Sept. 2	Sargents Purchase, N.H.	Robert E. Eastman	37	Errol, N. H.	Cecil Eastman Elizabeth Bennett
		Claudia M. Sperry	34	Columbia, N. H.	Cloise Baslow Bernice Cram
Oct. 21	Lancaster, N. H.	Michael L. Labounty	23	Columbia, N. H.	Winston Labounty Joan Treadwell
		Theresa L. Fortin	15	Columbia, N. H.	Joseph Fortin Geraldine Gerow
Oct. 28	Columbia, N. H.	Malon A. Clark	26	Stewartstown, N. H.	Cecil Clark Evelyn Knox
		Nancy Shackford	19	Stewartstown, N. H.	Harry Shackford Sanya

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H. DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1978

Date	Name of Child	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Mar. 21	Laura-Lee Lorraine Hibbard	Colebrook, N. H.	Edwin C. Hibbard	Irene L. Peabody
Apr. 26	Jason Frederick Peterson	Lancaster, N. H.	Frederick L. Peterson	Donna L. Ball
Apr. 19	Timothy Allen Mayo	Colebrook, N. H.	Theodore J. Mayo	Sandra R. Baker
May 30	Emily Rose Rouleau	Colebrook, N. H.	Dennis G. Rouleau	Arlene M. Towle
June 19	Julie Marie Rainville	Colebrook, N. H.	David S. Rainville	Carol R. French
July 22	Bianca Mary Bessette	Lancaster, N. H.	Andre J. Bessette	June M. Poulin
Aug. 15	Waylon Jon Marsh	Lancaster, N. H.	Walter B. Marsh	Doris L. Fletcher
Sept. 18	Tabitha Leigh Paquette	Lancaster, N. H.	Christopher Paquette	Brenda Bilodeau
Oct. 6	Rebecca Jean Gray	Lancaster, N. H.	Randall E. Gray	Annette M. Leigh
Oct. 9	Jennifer Lynn Fogg	Colebrook, N. H.	Norman R. Fogg	Nancy A. Chapple
Nov. 29	Chad Lawrence Andrews	Lancaster, N. H.	Lawrence G. Andrews	Lise M. Lambert
Nov. 29	Zachariah Johnsen	Columbia, N. H.	Richard J. Johnsen	Michele Matera

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H. DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1978

Date	Name	Age	Place of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 4	Lew A. Wallace	90	Stewartstown, N. H.	Anson Wallace	Clara Legro
Mar. 2	Adrian P. Bennett	50	White River Jct., Vt.	Cleighton Bennett	Ethel Smith
Oct. 30	Thomas Pinckney	81	Colebrook, N. H.	Thomas Pinckney Sr.	Laura Welling
July 29	Philip H. Coddaire	40	Columbia, N. H.	Charles E. Coddaire	Edith Primrose
Dec. 4	Beatrice M. Becker	74	Columbia, N. H.	Frank Hall	Persis Gould